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SUBJ: DEATH CASE: EDWARD SELDON CONNOLLY

H-PASS: HONORABLE STEPHEN J. SOLARZ  
HOUSE OF REPRES  
TATIVES  
WASHINGTON D.C 20515

1. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF JULY 13, 1977 IN WHICH YOU MADE  
INQUIRY REGARDING COSTS INCURRED BY MRS. CARMELA CONNOLLY FOR  
PREPARATION FOR SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE  
EDWARD SELDON CONNOLLY.

2. EACH YEAR THE EMBASSY SURVEYS LOCAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
WITH VIEW TO DETERMINING APPROXIMATE COSTS FOR VARIOUS  
SPECIALIZED SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION  
AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE U.S. COPIES OF THE EMBASSY'S  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THESE FINDINGS, INCLUDING CITATIONS OF  
PERTINENT GREEK HEALTH REGULATIONS, ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE  
OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, THE FEE OF \$1,200 CHARGED BY THE  
FUNERAL HOME OF "NICHOLAOS F. YIANNACOPOULOS" IS REASONABLE AND  
WITHIN THE USUAL LIMITS, CONSIDERING THE SPECIALIZED  
NATURE OF THE SERVICES INVOLVED. EMBALMENT OF REMAINS,  
FOR EXAMPLE, IS NOT PERFORMED IN GREECE EXCEPT FOR SHIPMENT  
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ABROAD FOR BURIAL OR AT A SITE OTHERWISE DISTANT FROM THE  
PLACE OF DEATH. TO THIS MUST BE ADDED SPECIAL CONTAINERS  
FOR SHIPMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF SPECIAL PERMITS FOR  
EXPORT. FINALLY, THE SEALING OF A CASKET FOR SHIPMENT MUST  
BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GREEK CUSTOMS AND FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE CONTROL SERVICES.

4. WHEN INFORMED OF COSTS IN ADVANCE BY AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE,  
MRS. CONNOLLY EXPRESSED VERBAL  
CONSENT PRIOR TO THE SHIPMENT  
OF HER HUSBAND'S REMAINS. EMBASSY HOPES THE FOREGOING  
INFORMATION SATISFACTORITY EXPLAINS THE REASONS FOR THE COSTS  
INVOLVED.  
AMERICAN EMBASSY ATHENS GREECE.  
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